

197 (XVII). The permanent headquarters of the
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 192 (XVI) of 2 September 1992 on the permanent headquarters of the Commission and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/3 of 2 February 1993,

Taking into account the report of the Executive Secretary submitted to the Commission at its seventeenth session pursuant to resolution 192 (XVI) as well as the debate conducted and procedures followed in the closed meeting of the heads of delegation for the selection of the host country of the permanent headquarters,

1. *Expresses deep appreciation* to the Government of Iraq for hosting the headquarters of the Commission in past years;

2. *Also expresses deep appreciation* to the Government of Jordan for its support and cooperation in providing facilities and assistance for the temporary headquarters of the Commission;

3. *Expresses deep appreciation* to the Government of Jordan and the Government of Qatar for their offers to host the permanent headquarters of the Commission;

4. *Decides*, having considered and subsequently accepted the offer of the Government of Lebanon, to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the permanent headquarters of the Commission be relocated to Beirut;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To approach the Government of Lebanon, as soon as the appropriate legal action has been taken by the United Nations with regard to paragraph 4 above, in order to arrive at a common understanding of all issues and commitments relating to the relocation of the permanent headquarters, to conclude a Headquarters Agreement and to agree upon a suitable timetable and the necessary arrangements for the relocation of the permanent headquarters to Beirut in such a way as to ensure that the requirements for the proper functioning of the Commission are met;

(b) To take all steps necessary to effect the transfer of the permanent headquarters in accordance with the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its eighteenth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

5th plenary meeting

31 May 1994